

As allied forces fought to reclaim the town of Bastogne, the Germans mounted a last-ditch counteroffensive known as the "Battle of the Bulge." In response, all troops were being mustered to come to the rescue of encircled troops near the Belgian town of Bastogne. In a dangerous mission, Louis and his Captain had to search and find the lost armored element. They suffered frostbite, but their effort was successful. After, Louis returned to Reims to recover.

Among the buildings in Reims, there was a "Little Red Schoolhouse" where General Eisenhower had his headquarters. It was there that the unconditional surrender of Germany was signed in the early morning hours of Monday, May 7, 1945. Louis was there, in the room, as General Yodl of the German Army signed the articles of surrender.

Madam Speaker, Louis has served our Nation with integrity, excellence, and courage, and we, as Americans, owe him an enormous debt of gratitude for his incredible sacrifices to serve and protect our country at home and abroad. He not only has earned the admiration of his fellow Americans but that of our allies as well. On April 6, 2021, French President Emmanuel Macron approved awarding him the French Legion d'honneur, which is the highest French order of merit that can be bestowed upon an individual. For these reasons, I am honored to represent him in Congress, and it is with pride that I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life and legacy of Master Sergeant Luciano "Louis" C. Graziano.

CONGRATULATING THE TOWN OF CLAYTON ON THE COMPLETION OF THE CEROW RECREATION PARK ARENA RENOVATION

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Town of Clayton on the completion of the Cerow Recreation Park Arena addition and renovation project. Additionally, I rise to recognize Leonard "Obie" O'Brien as the new wing is dedicated in his honor.

The renovation and addition were made possible through funding from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development program. The Town of Clayton also received grants from Empire State Development and the state Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historical Preservation through the Regional Economic Development Council Initiative. I am grateful that these sources of funding are available to support infrastructure updates and economic development projects in rural areas such as our district. Community gathering spaces are the foundation of our North Country community and foster a sense of neighborly spirit. This renovation will also increase the economic impact made by the park arena, attracting more visitors and events to the space, promising prosperity for the Town. Local businesses truly are the backbone of the North Country and I will continue working in Congress to support them.

The newly named Leonard "Obie" O'Brien wing is aptly dedicated in recognition of the many years of service Obie gave to the Clay-

ton sports community. Obie operated the girls' basketball program for 25 years, Clayton Minor Hockey for 14 years, and the Clayton Youth Commission for 4 years. He founded the local Maverick Ski Club and was selected as Clayton's Citizen of the Year in 2003. Regrettably, Obie passed away in June 2020 after a battle with cancer before the completion of the renovation. With the many years Obie had spent in this complex, I believe he would be honored to be remembered so fondly.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I would like to congratulate the Town of Clayton on the successful completion of this project. I hope that every person who walks through these doors looks to the example that Obie left and embodies his love for the game and above all his kindness to everyone he encountered.

INTRODUCTION OF THE YOUNG AMERICANS FINANCIAL LITERACY ACT

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to re-introduce the Young Americans Financial Literacy Act. Financial literacy is critical to ensuring future financial responsibility. Studies have shown that 88 percent of Americans believe finance education should be taught in schools and 92 percent of K-12 teachers believe that financial education should be taught in school, but only 12 percent of teachers actually teach the subject. Yet, according to a 2020 survey, less than half of States require high school students to take a personal finance course, and less than 17 percent of high school students were required to take a semester-long personal finance course.

I believe that Congress has an opportunity and a responsibility to address the pressing needs of individuals faced with the loss of their financial stability and the challenges of economic uncertainty. This should include financial literacy education reform and long-term solutions to prevent future personal financial disasters. Research-based financial literacy education programs are needed to reach individuals at all ages and socioeconomic levels, particularly those facing unique and challenging financial situations, such as high school graduates entering the workforce, soon-to-be and recent college graduates and young families, and to address the unique needs of military personnel and their families. High school and college students who are exposed to cumulative financial education show an increase in financial knowledge, which in turn drives increasingly responsible behavior as they become young adults.

According to the Government Accountability Office, giving Americans the information they need to make effective financial decisions can be key to their well-being and to the country's economic health. The global financial crisis, when many borrowers failed to fully understand the risks associated with certain financial products, and currently, the economic hardships presented by the sudden disruptions caused by the spread of COVID-19, under-

score the need to improve individuals' financial literacy and empower all Americans to make informed financial decisions. This is especially true for young people as they are earning their first paychecks, securing student aid, and establishing their financial independence. Therefore, focusing economic education and financial literacy efforts and best practices for young people between the ages of 8 to 24 is of utmost importance.

I believe America should be leading the world with the best-educated students who will drive our economic innovation and success, so please join me in cosponsoring the Young Americans Financial Literacy Act. This act:

Establishes a grant program in the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to develop and implement financial literacy programs for young people ages 8 to 24,

Incentivizes the development of partnerships between institutions of higher education, local educational agencies, nonprofit organizations, and financial institutions to develop programs aimed at young Americans in different phases of their life;

Ensures the development of evidence-based instructional material that is geared towards targeted groups and addresses unique life situations, including bankruptcy, foreclosure, student loans, credit card misuse; and

Conducts ongoing assessment and accountability of the program over the short- and long-term to ensure that grant money achieves the greatest impact.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in supporting the Young Americans Financial Literacy Act.

HONORING DR. DIANE CULPEPPER FOR HER SERVICE TO LAKE TECHNICAL COLLEGE

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with sincere appreciation that I recognize Dr. Diane Culpepper for her leadership and service as Executive Director of Lake Technical College. After more than a decade of service, Dr. Culpepper will retire from Lake Technical College this August.

Dr. Culpepper earned both her bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Marketing and her master's degree in Vocation Administration from the University of Central Florida. She earned her Ph.D. in Workforce Education from the University of South Florida. Dr. Culpepper has taught at all levels of education from elementary to university. Before coming to Lake Technical College, Dr. Culpepper served for twenty-three years in the Career and Technical Education Department for Orange County Schools at both the school and district levels.

In 2010, Dr. Culpepper's passion for education led her to Lake Technical College. Under Dr. Culpepper's leadership, Lake Tech has increased enrollment, fostered new partnerships with business and industry, and enhanced the quality of academic offerings. Most recently, at the direction of Dr. Culpepper, in 2016, Lake Tech entered a partnership with Lake Sumter State College (LSSC) and began offering Practical Nursing, Nursing Assistant,